

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-20. (Cancelled)

21. (New) A process for the preparation of a catalyst composition, characterized in that a solid support containing TiO_2 in an amount of at least 70 wt.-%, WO_3 in an amount of 5-20 wt.-%, and optionally SiO_2 in an amount of up to 15 wt.-% is contacted with a vanadate (REVO_4) of at least one rare earth metal selected from the group of Y, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy, Er and Yb to give a slurry which is brought to dryness and calcined.

22. (New) A catalyst composition obtainable according to a process of claim 21.

23. (New) A process for the preparation of a catalyst composition, comprising:
contacting a solid support containing TiO_2 in an amount of at least 70 wt.-%, WO_3 in an amount of 5-20 wt.-%, and SiO_2 in an amount of up to 15 wt.-% with a vanadate (REVO_4) of at least one rare earth metal selected from the group of Y, Ce, Pr, Nd, Sm, Gd, Tb, Dy, Er and Yb to give a slurry which is brought to dryness and calcined.

24. (New) A catalyst composition obtained from the process of claim 23.